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[1](#)1. (C/NF) On February 5, Ministry of Economy Under Secretary Abdulla Al-Saleh (the number two to Minister of Economy Sheikha Lubna Al-Qasimi) told econchief that the draft export control law had been passed from the Ministry of Economy to the Ministry of Justice. The Ministry of Justice reviews all legislation before it goes to the cabinet and the Federal Supreme Council (rulers of each Emirate) for approval to ensure that the legislation is compatible with existing legislation.

[1](#)2. (C/NF) Comment: After significant delays, the draft law appears to be moving forward. Since much of the lag has reportedly been due to the difficulties in bringing various actors on board (including the individual emirates) and since the Cabinet has considered the law already, we are hopeful that this should move relatively quickly. Nonetheless, ISN and USDOC/BIS should retain the subject of &Export Controls Legislation8 on the proposed draft agenda for the upcoming Counter Proliferation Task Force. End Comment.
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